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1. On 4 and 5 August 1950 personnel of locomotive brigades said that locomotive Column No 7 in Berlin/Karlshorst (N 53/Z 94) had been deactivated. The locomotives and coaches of this column are to be transferred to Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63). The personnel of the column, railroadmen from Berlin, were assigned to other duties. The locomotives which have become available by the deactivation of Locomotive Column No 7 are being operated by railroad personnel from Thuringia and Saxony. (1) Dwelling houses are being built in Frankfurt/Oder for the personnel of locomotive columns transferred there. (2)
 2. Thirty column locomotives were counted at the railroad station of Strasburg/Uckermark (N 54/U 96) on 11 August 1950. Railroad men said that 50 locomotives are scheduled to be transferred to Strasburg. An engineer, fireman and an assistant fireman are assigned to each locomotive and live in coaches attached to the locomotives. All locomotives have water and coal and are serviceable at all times. The engine will allegedly be sent home but must be ready for duty on call. (3)
 3. On 1 August 1950 all the locomotive columns stationed in Frankfurt/Oder were organized into one operating group attached to a railroad shop (Bahnbetriebswerk) (Bw). This group is called "Frankfurt/Oder-Fern-Bw-Ost" (abbreviated: FKO-Fern-Bw-Ost). (4)
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- Comments.
- (1) Confirms the previously reported planned deactivation of these columns. See [REDACTED].
 - (2) Confirms previously reported planned construction of dwelling houses. See [REDACTED].
 - (3) The 30 locomotives probably belong to deactivated Locomotive Column No 12 previously stationed in Angermunde. They were transferred to Strasburg in late July and are being held as a locomotive reserve. The additional 20 locomotives are probably those of deactivated Locomotive Column No 6 previously stationed in Pasewalk. These locomotives apparently have not yet been transferred to Strasburg. [REDACTED] paragraphs 2 and 3.
 - (4) An order of the Directorate General, Railways, on the reorganization of locomotive columns decreed the organization of a special railroad shop group. [REDACTED] Annex, paragraph 2.

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